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Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAGEMAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE MONTEREY PARK DANCE STUDIO SHOOTING

Ms. CHU. This last Saturday night, a shooter came into my hometown of Monterey Park, California, to a dance studio and killed 11 innocent people.

Today, I rise to honor the memories of the 11 lives we lost: Diana Tom, Mymy Nhan, Lillian Li, Xiujuan Yu, Hong Jian, Muoi Ung, Valentino Alvero, Yu-Lun Kao, Chia Yau, Wen-Tau Yu, Ming Ma.

I also wish for the speedy recovery for the nine who are injured, many of whom are still in the hospital.

Lunar New Year is a time of celebration for the thriving Asian-American community in my hometown. Saturday's senseless murders pierced the peace and joy of our celebrations and tore a hole through our hearts.

This Lunar New Year was supposed to be a celebration of the Year of the Rabbit, characterized by hopefulness and peace.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to keep hope alive and work together to make our country a peaceful one free from this kind of horrific violence.

Thank you for helping me honor the memories of those lost by observing a moment of silence.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 212

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 212, the Protecting our Land Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and

congratulate the record-breaking completion rates at the University of Georgia.

In just one year, the university's 4-year completion rate for freshmen has increased from 72.1 percent to 75.1 percent.

The university's 6-year completion rate has reached a new high of 88.1 percent, and the retention rate of students remains strong at 94.3 percent.

I commend the university's faculty hiring initiatives that have bolstered this already prestigious institution.

High-demand areas of study such as the Terry College of Business and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences continue to provide students with very talented professors, thanks to these initiatives.

The university has also continued to grow tutoring and peer learning programs to provide students with all the resources they need to succeed.

I am proud of the hard work the University of Georgia is doing to ensure student success across the board. Go Dawgs.

#### SALUTING CASSADY DAVIS

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today early to kick off Black History Month. Cassady Davis, a third grader from Evening Street Elementary School, we salute her.

She is the daughter of McKenzie and Shawna Davis. She enjoys soccer, swimming, reading, and spending time with her sister, Collins.

Students have the opportunity to select past and present-day leaders for their Black history showcase. I am honored that Cassady chose me as her modern-day leader.

I commend the work of America's educators who are instilling in our students the importance of Black history, which is American history, and empowering young girls like Cassady to become the Nation's next generation of leaders.

So to all listening today, we salute a 9-year-old, Cassady Davis.

#### REPRESENTING PENNSYLVANIA'S 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to represent Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

The 15th Congressional District encompasses 18 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nearly one-third of the land mass.

It includes all of Armstrong, Cameron, Centre—including my hometown of Howard—Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union, and War-

ren Counties. It also includes parts of Indiana, Lycoming, and Venango Counties.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride in my service to the people of the 15th Congressional District, and I work hard to earn their trust, help solve their problems, and be a diligent Representative.

When I am not here in Washington, I spend my days on the road in the district, traveling to meetings and events, and I work to connect with my constituents and truly be a voice for each community I serve.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to speak here as I gave 144 1-minute speeches in the 117th Congress and to be a strong voice for the citizens of the 15th District.

The challenges before us remain great. It is my hope that we will tackle these challenges head on. It is the American way.

#### ATTACKS ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE IN FLORIDA

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the recent attacks on African-American culture in Florida.

Recently, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis blocked a new advanced placement course on African-American studies.

The course was inclusive of study of African-American culture that included literature, the arts, politics, science, and even geography. In addition, it included discussions about the Black struggle in modern America.

Govern DeSantis said that the class lacks educational value because it includes other subjects and the theory of slave reparations.

Clearly, Governor DeSantis believes education should reject any content that allows students to think for themselves, and he wants Americans to think that nothing bad ever happened in American history.

That does not sound like education to me. It sounds like indoctrination, and it should not be welcome anywhere in America.

Wokeness on the Republican side has become a new word, a code word. Let's eradicate that position.

#### SUPPORTING IRANIAN PROTESTERS

(Mr. SANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the brave Iranian protesters who are fighting against barbaric forces of immorality.

During his 1967 inaugural address as Governor of California, Ronald Reagan said that "Freedom is a fragile thing, and it is never more than one generation away from extinction."